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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The industries to which the Employees' Provident Fund Act, 1952, is applicable are specified in Schedule 1 to the Act, a copy of which is available in the Library of the Madras Legislature."

Allegations against the Madras City Police

* 810 *Q*.—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a refugee, Sri Rup Lal Kapur, M.A., of Perambur, Madras, has represented to Government about the unfair treatment given to him by the Madras City Police and the courts;

(*b*) whether any enquiries have been made on that representation; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) Government are satisfied that the allegations made by Sri Rup Lal Kapur against the officers were not justified."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—" I am told that this educated refugee has been subjected to all sorts of hardships and to several terms of imprisonment, simply because one particular constable took revenge against him and took advantage of the fact that he was a refugee. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether he would make a re-enquiry into the matter and see that justice is done to this helpless refugee?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, some allegations have been made not only against the Police, but against the courts which convicted him and the High Court which heard revision petition. I do not think we can make an enquiry into the judicial proceedings that had taken place."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, what were the allegations made against the courts?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Unfair treatment meted out to him by the Madras City Police in launching a case against him in courts."

Loan to agriculturists in Kolathur taluk

* 811 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of loan applications of agriculturists under each head received by the Tahsildar of Kolathur taluk in Pudukkottai division of Tiruchirappalli district for 1952–53 and 1953 to the end of October 1954; and

(*b*) how many of them were (1) allowed and (2) rejected?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] giving the information is placed on the table of the House."

Ponneri-Vadukupatti-Amoor road

* 812 *Q*.—SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the cost of the construction of the Ponneri-Vadukupatti-Amoor road, Chingleput district;

(b) the amount subsidised by the State and the Union Government towards the construction of the road;

(c) who are the donors of the local contribution;

(d) whether it is a fact that the contract was entrusted to a donor;

(e) whether the Hon. Minister for Public Works or the Engineer inspected the road during the month of September or October 1954;

(f) the condition of the road at present; and

(g) whether the road is fit for vehicle transport?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) The cost of construction of the Ponneri-Vadukupatti-Amoor road is Rs. 22,500 and the amount of Central Grant is Rs. 10,000. No contribution was made by the State Government.

" (c) The villagers provided contribution by way of labour.

" (d) Sri C. S. Loganatha Mudaliar, President, Bharat Sevak Samaj, Vadukupatti village, was entrusted with the execution of the work on behalf of the villagers.

" (e) Neither the Minister for Public Works nor the Engineer inspected the work during the month of September or October 1954.

" (f) The condition of the road is not satisfactory especially at places where there is water stagnation and clayey bed.

" (g) The road is fit for cart traffic but not for motor traffic."

SRI O. CHENGAM PILLAI :—" பொன்னேரி-வடக்குப்பட்டி-ஆமூர் ரோட் போடுவதற்கு காண்ட்ராக்ட் யாருக்குக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. எவ்வளவு ரூபாய்க்கு ரோடு போடப்பட்டது. சீக்கிரம் வேலை முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"இந்த ரோடு போடுவதற்கு ரூ. 22,500 ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபனத்திலுல் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து பெற்றது ரூ. 10,000. இந்த அரசாங்கம் அதற்காக ஒன்றும் கொடுக்கவில்லை. கிராமத்தினர் தங்களுடைய பங்கை தங்கள் உழைப்பின் மூலமாக கொடுத்திருக்கிருர்கள். இந்த ரோட் போடுவதற்கான பொறுப்பு ஸ்ரீ சி. எஸ். லோகநாத முதலியார் கையில் ஒப்படைக்கப்பட்டது. இப்பொழுது ரோட் போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. ஆனால் மோட்டார் கார்கள் போகக்கூடியதாக இல்லை, மற்ற வாகனங்கள் போகலாம்."

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 191 infra.